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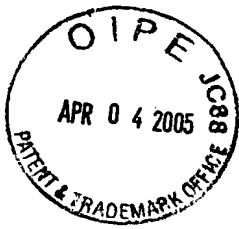
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For: EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE AND METHOD OF ACCESSING SAME

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Sir,

Applicant prepares submission of Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) as attached sheet, to confirm right examination of the above application. Priority patents of US patent document 5,812,814 in the IDS were disclosed in the date after one year and six months after the priority date. Foreign patent documents JP A-7-14392 and JP A-7-152503 in the IDS are downloaded from web-pages in the internet-cite of JPO, which are prepared copies of Disclosures and translations of Frontpages and Descriptions as attached sheets.

The document JP A-7-14392 shows a similar one to in Adachi and Watanabe in prior submitted IDS, which show multiplexed transfer of address/data to a memory. The documents US patent 5,812,814 and JP A-7-152503 shows peripherals using a SCSI or IDE interface, which seems to be the same category as an apparatus shown in FIG. 21 of the above application. These documents do not disclose or suggest storage devices, methods and apparatus as recited in claims of the above application and prior applications.

According to 37 CFR 1.97(c), submission of IDS is permitted before "an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application". Could Applicant be told whether submission

of the IDS is permitted or not, that is, whether the prosecution in the above application is closed or not, and when the prosecution is closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tadahiko Hisano

Date : Mar. 29, 2005 Signature: Tadahiko Hisano

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- 1 sheets of IDS
- 2 sheets copies of Frontpage of JP A-7-14392
- 9 sheets copies of translation of Description of JP A-7-14392
- 10 sheets copies of Disclosure of JP A-7-14392
- 2 sheets copies of translation of Frontpage of JP A-7-152503
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